

**MINUTES OF COMBINED COMMISSION WORKING AND REGULAR SESSION
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN CONFERENCE
ROOM #1, IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

Present

Commission Chairman Ronald Winterton; Commissioner Kirk J. Wood, Commissioner Kent R. Peatross, Deputy County Attorney Tyler Allred, Roads Director Glen Murphy and Chief Deputy Clerk JoAnn Evans taking minutes of the meeting.

Public Works/Road Department Update

Director Murphy stated that the road crews have been scattered around trying to clean up the flood damage caused by the rains we have been having. They will be doing work in Bluebell and out in Strawberry.

Resolution Adopting a new Fee Schedule Concerning Road Crossing And Easement Encroachments

After review of the resolution it was decided by general consent to postpone this item until changes were made to the document.

Discussion of Property Taxes

Kaleb Thomas entered the meeting at 9:14 a.m.. Deputy Treasurer Jamie Park entered the meeting at 9:31 a.m..

Mr. Thomas stated that he realizes that he is behind on his taxes. He has been purchasing these properties since 2005. He was having discussion with the previous owner when he passed away do to age and health issues. He has since been dealing with the people who he left his estate to and it is a process to work through. He would like the commissioners to consider taking off the penalties and interest because of the situation of the land purchase. He will have all amounts paid by the end of the week. Commissioner Wood stated that the commission does not usually adjust the amounts unless severe hardship is proven. Commissioner Peatross stated that because of the different situation this request represents, he feels that if Mr. Thomas could pay by the end of the week (October 4, 2013) that fifty (50%) percent of the penalties and interest could be reduced.

Commissioner Peatross motioned to reduce the interest and penalties by fifty percent (50%) if paid by October 4, 2013. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

Consideration Of A Cooperative Agreement With The Utah Department Of Transportation (UDOT) For Invasive And Noxious Weed Control

Commissioner Peatross stated that this agreement has worked very well in the past. It gives Mr. Ron Johnson who is over the weed control for our county some control as to when he can spray the weeds pertaining to the areas in this document. *Commissioner Wood motioned to pass the cooperative agreement. Commissioner Peatross seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration Of Vouchers

Deputy Clerk-Auditor Connie Sweat entered the meeting at 9:46 a.m..

The commission reviewed vouchers # 126118 through 126284 dated September 27, 2013, in the amount three hundred nineteen thousand four hundred eighteen dollars and thirty three cents (\$319,418.33)(livestock checks).

The commission also reviewed vouchers # 126285 through 126311 dated September 30, 2013, in the amount of three hundred thousand fourteen seven hundred and ten dollars and thirteen cents (\$314,710.13) as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. *Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the vouchers as presented by the Clerk Auditor's Office. Commissioner Peatross seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration Of Business License Application For Holly Transportation LLC

Deputy Sweat stated that this business was originally Navajo Refining/Holly Frontier. They changed their name and purchase Hosco. They then moved to the Hosco location on Ioka lane. *Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the business license application as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.*

Consideration Of Business License Application For Horrocks Equipment, Inc.

Deputy Clerk- Auditor Sweat stated that this is a mobile equipment repair company. Commissioner Peatross motioned to approve the business license application as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

Discussion Of a Draft Letter To The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Community Development Direct Mike Hyde entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m..

Director Hyde presented a draft letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service commenting on their plans to list the Graham's Beardtongue and White River Beardtongue as threatened plant species and to designate critical habitat in Duchesne and Uintah Counties and in Colorado. The letter notes that there is insufficient scientific evidence to justify this proposed listing and that such listing is inconsistent with several aspects of the Duchesne County General Plan and with State Law (Uintah Basin Energy Zone). The Commission agreed that the letter should be mailed as written.

Discussion Of The Duchesne County Fairgrounds Camera Contract

IT Director Kent Ogletree entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m..

Director Ogletree stated he has had no response from the contractor who put the security cameras up at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Peatross stated that this contract came about because Duchesne City wanted to put a security camera down there to watch the ball fields. They are happy with the work that the contractor has done for them. When it came to the fairgrounds he did not meet deadlines and did not do a very good job of putting the cameras in the proper places. Commissioner Peatross asked Director Ogletree if anything could be salvaged for use from the equipment that is at the fairgrounds. Director Ogletree stated that it would not be feasible to have another company work with someone else's equipment. Commissioner Peatross stated that it was probably time to turn this situation over to the attorneys office to proceed with legal action.

Consideration Of A Contract With HR Services

After discussion of some wording inside the document this item was postponed by general consent.

Update on Joint Meeting Of The Duchesne County, Carbon County, and Uintah County Chambers of Commerce

Cora Lee Sanchez entered the meeting at 10:34 a.m..

Ms. Sanchez stated that there were a lot of people there. They were trying to stress the importance of people being involved in their communities. They would like to see younger people participate on community, state, and federal boards and political events. They will be trying to have these meeting every three (3) months in different communities.

Entered recess at 11:03 a.m..

Re-entered commission meeting at 11:43 a.m..

Consideration Of Minutes For Combined Commission Meeting Held September 16, 2013

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the minutes with the necessary changes. Commissioner Peatross seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye and the motion passed.

Consideration Of Minutes For Special Commission Meeting Held September 16, 2013

Minutes were not available to consider at this time.

Consideration Of Minutes For Combined Commission Meeting Held September 23, 2013

Minutes were not available to consider at this time.

Commission Calendaring

Adjourn

Chairman Winterton adjourned the meeting at 11:52 A.M.

Read and approved this 7th day of October 2013.

Ronald Winterton

Commission Chairman

Diane Freston

Clerk/Auditor

*Minutes of meeting prepared by JoAnn Evans*_____